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PILOT STUDY

SUMMARY: THE UNITED STATES, AS THE PILOT COUNTRY, REPORTED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE FIVE SUBPROJECTS OF THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION PILOT STUDY: COLLECTION SYSTEMS EVALUATION, URBAN GOODS MOVEMENT, SHORT DISTANCE TRANSPORT TECHNIQUES, PRIORITY BUS SYSTEMS, AND URBAN TRANSPORTATION FORECASTING TECHNIQUES. ALL PROJECTS ARE WELL UNDERWAY AND SOME ARE CLOSE TO COMPLETION AND DRAFT FINAL REPORTS. AN IMMEDIATE QUESTION, WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE UNITED STATES WITH PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES BEFORE THE NEXT PLENARY, CONCERNS HOW TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE DISSEMINATION OF THE PILOT STUDY'S RESULTS TO THE URBAN AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS FOR IMPLEMENTATION. END SUMMARY.

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1. COLLECTION SYSTEMS EVALUATION: DESIGNED TO EXPLORE APPROACHES TO THE ANALYSIS OF DEMAND FOR DAMAND-RESPONSIVE TRANSIT SYSTEMS, THIS BELGIAN-LED PROJECT IS CONCENTRATING ON A SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE BEING USED IN THE PROJECT AND INDICATED THAT THE ANALYSIS

PHASE WOULD COMMENCE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. PRELIMINARY RESULTS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR TO BE TESTED AGAINST OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN 1974. SUBPROJECT EXPERTS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO MEET IN THE UK THIS SUMMER TO REVIEW COLLECTION SYSTEMS EXPERIMENTS THERE.

2. URBAN GOODS MOVEMENT: THIS EXAMINATION OF ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO HELP RATIONALIZE THE TRANSPORT OF GOODS WITHIN URBAN AREAS, LED BY FRANCE, HAS NOW LARGELY BEEN COMPLETED AND IS MOVING TOWARDS A DRAFT FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. PORTIONS OF THE REPORT ARE NOW BEING CIRCULATED AMONG THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. THE FRENCH DELEGATES EMPHASIZED THAT THIS REPORT WOULD ATTEMPT ONLY TO SUM UP THE STATE-OF-THE-ART UNDERSTANDING OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED YIELD FINAL ANSWERS IN THIS VERY NEW FIELD.

3 SHORT-DISTANCE TRANSPORT TECHNIQUES: LED BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THIS PROJECT'S GOAL IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GUIDANCE MANUAL FO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHICH WILL HELP THEM MAKE WISE AND APPROPRIATE URBAN TRANSPORT INVESTMENT CHOICES. THE GERMAN DELEGATE REGRETTED THAT NONE OF THE PARTICIPATING

COUNTRIES HAD CHOSEN TO OFFER COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY PAPER HIS COUNTRY HAD CIRCULATED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXPERTS MEETING IN THE SUMMER OF 1973. HOWEVER, ANOTHER EXPERTS MEETING IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR BRUSSELS ON JUNE 5 AND 6, 1974, WHEN THE FRG WILL REPORT ON ITS OWN PROGRESS IN THIS AREA.

4. PRIORITY BUS SYSTEMS: THIS SUBPROJECT IS CONCERNED WITH ANALYZING ALTERNATIVES FOR ENHANCING THE URBAN BUS INHERENT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANTAGES AS A MEANS OF MOVING LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY. LED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM, A MEETING OF EXPERTS IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN LONDON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PLENARY, ON 14 AND 15 MAY. THE BRITISH DELEGATE EMPHASIZED THAT THE PROJECT WAS INTENDED TO DRAW ON THE EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE OF ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES IN BUS PRIORITY UNCLASSIFIED

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SCHEMES AND NOT JUST THOSE OF HIS OWN COUNTRY.

5. URBAN TRANSPORTATION FORECASTING TECHNIQUES: LED BY THE UNITED STATES, THIS SUBPROJECT IS CONCERNED WITH ESTABLISHING THE FEASIBILITY OF A SIMPLE DEMAND FORECASTING TECHNIQUE FOR ASSESSING THE NEED FOR URBAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. THE U.S. FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION IS CURRENTLY ANALYZING DATA FROM OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. A REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF THIS ANALYSIS WILL BE CIRCULATED FOR COMMENT LATE THIS SUMMER, AND A MEETING OF EXPERTS TO REVIEW T

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